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ANTI-SCALING DEVICE		
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 - b. ☐ The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

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3. ☒ A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):

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- ii. ☐ by applicant on _____ (Date)

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 - ii. ☒ by applicant on 9 May 2000 (Date)
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- c. ☐ has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.

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14. ☒ Additional documents:

- a. ☒ Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. ☒ International Publication No. WO 01/07733
 - i. ☒ Specification, claims and drawing
 - ii. ☐ Front page only
- c. ☒ Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
- d. ☒ Other

Form PCT/IPEA/402; Form PCT/IB/332; Letter to WIPO re:
Article 19 Claim amendments

15. ☒ The above checked items are being transmitted

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- b. ☐ after 30 months.

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☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

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☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 30 months after the priority date).



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

An abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

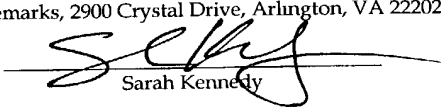
Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) An anti-scaling device comprising a hollow central body portion for
- 2 mounting on a bar around a transverse axis and several spike units extending outwardly from the
- 3 body portion in different directions wherein the spike units are rotatably mounted on the central
- 4 body portion around axes non-congruent with the transverse axis.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

- 1 2. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the spike units are
- 2 detachably mounted on the central body portion.

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Please amend claim 3 as follows:

- 1 3. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein there are pairs of
2 spike units disposed in a diametrically opposed relationship relative to the central body portion.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

- 1 4. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the central body
2 portion has spigots for mounting the spike units.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

- 1 5. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1 further comprising serrated
2 webs extending outwardly from the central body portion between the spike units.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

- 1 6. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 5, wherein the serrated webs
2 extend along radial axes displaced 45° from the radial axes of the spike units.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

- 1 7. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein rows of sharp-edged
2 teeth are axially aligned along the central body portion.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

- 1 8. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the spike units are in
2 the form of partially rotatable serrated propellers.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

- 1 9. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the spike units are
2 pivotably mounted.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

- 1 10. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the device is
2 moulded from a plastics material.

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to correct the improper multiple dependency of claims as originally filed and to incorporate changes made in the corresponding PCT application.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT

An anti-scaling device comprises a hollow central body for mounting on a bar and several spike units extending outwardly from the body in different directions. Pairs of spike units are rotatably and preferably detachably mounted on opposite sides of the central body.

- 5 The device may further comprise serrated webs extending outwardly from the central body between the spike units. The device may also comprise rows of sharp-edged teeth axially aligned along the central body. Alternatively, the spike units may be partially rotatable serrated propellers or may be pivotably rotatably mounted. The device may be moulded from plastic material.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) An anti-scaling device comprising a hollow central body portion [(1)]
2 for mounting on a bar around a transverse axis and several spike units [(5)] extending
3 outwardly from the body portion [(1)] in different directions wherein the spike units [(5)] are
4 rotatably mounted on the central body portion [(1)] around axes non-congruent with the
5 transverse axis.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

- 1 2. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the spike units
2 [(5)] are detachably mounted on the central body portion [(1)].

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

- 1 3. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [claims 1 or 2] claim 1, wherein
2 there are pairs of spike units [(5)] disposed in a diametrically opposed relationship relative to
3 the central body portion [(1)].

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

- 1 4. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [any one or more of claims 1,2 or
2 3] claim 1, wherein the central body portion [(1)] has spigots [(20)] for mounting the spike
3 units [(5)].

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

- 1 5. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 and]
2 claim 1 further comprising serrated webs [(7)] extending outwardly from the central body
3 portion [(1)] between the spike units [(5)].

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

- 1 6. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to claim 5, wherein the serrated webs
2 [(7)] extend along radial axes displaced 45° from the radial axes of the spike units [(5)].

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

- 1 7. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [any one or more of claims 1, 2, 3
2 or 4] claim 1, wherein rows of sharp-edged teeth [(15)] are axially aligned along the central
3 body portion [(1)].

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

- 1 8. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [any one or more of claims 1 to 3]
2 claim 1, wherein the spike units [(5)] are in the form of partially rotatable serrated propellers
3 [(37)].

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

- 1 9. (Amended) An anti-scaling device according to [any one or more of claims 1 to 4]
2 claim 1, wherein the spike units [(5)] are pivotably mounted.

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ANTI-SCALING DEVICE

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Field of Invention

5 This invention relates to anti-scaling device, particularly rotary anti-scaling devices which can be positioned on top of fences, walls and gates in order to prevent potential intruders scaling such structures.

Description of Art

10 Rotary anti-scaling devices generally comprise metal spike units extending from a central mounting bar or vanes of expanded metal projecting from a central rotary bar. These arrangements are prone to scaling using rope and are of relatively fragile construction. Furthermore they are relatively expensive to produce and are aesthetically unappealing.

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Other devices consist of two identical halves of plastics material designed to connect together to form unitary spikes and be rotatably mounted on an associated bar.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a more effective anti-scaling
20 device of relatively inexpensive construction.

Summary of the Invention

According to the present invention there is provided an anti-scaling device comprising a hollow central body portion for mounting on a bar and several spike units

extending outwardly from the body portion in different directions wherein the spike units are rotatably mounted and preferably rotatably and detachably mounted on the central body portion.

5 Preferably there are pairs of spike units extending in a diametrically opposed relationship from the central body portion. It is convenient to make the spike unit separately from the body portion and to mount the spike units for rotation about radial axes extending out from the body portion. In addition serrated webs can be disposed between the spike units. This particular construction makes it virtually impossible for
10 an intruder to grab hold of any part of the device, tamper with or attach a rope to it

The spike unit may have a plurality of generally arcuate blade-like projections with sharp edges and a sharp tip. These spike units when not in use can be detached and replaced in the event of any damage or according to the structure they are
15 securing

The device with its various components may be made from any tough, resilient material. Ideally, the device is moulded from a plastics material, particularly a high impact thermoplastic material. The device with its various components can come in an
20 assortment of colours for decorative purposes.

In use the anti-scaling device is rotatably mounted on a bar which passes through the hollow central body portion along the transverse axis. Preferably a plurality of such anti-scaling devices are rotatably mounted on a bar with the ends of

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respective central body portions abutting each other. The bar can then be fixed to an associated structure such as a fence, gate or wall etc.

The invention may be understood more readily and various other aspects and features of the invention may become apparent from consideration of the following description

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of an anti-scaling device constructed in accordance with the invention,

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Figure 2 is an inverted plan view of the first embodiment of the anti-scaling device taken in the direction of arrow A in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a side view of the first embodiment of the anti-scaling device;

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Figure 4 is an expanded perspective view illustrating a second embodiment of an anti-scaling device constructed in accordance with the invention,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a third embodiment of an anti-scaling device constructed in accordance with the invention,

Figure 6 is an expanded view of the embodiment shown in Figure 5,

Figure 7 is a perspective view of three bar-mounted illustrations of a fourth
5 embodiment of an anti-scaling device constructed in accordance with the invention;
and

Figure 8 is an expanded view of part of the fourth embodiment shown in Figure

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Referring to Figures 1, 2 and 3 the first embodiment of the device is composed of components moulded from a suitable plastics material and comprises a hollow central body portion 1 of a generally elongate cylindrical shape with a bore 9 extending
15 along a central transverse axis 3. Extending radially in a diametrically opposed relationship from the central body portion 1 are two pairs of spigots (not shown) upon which separate spike units 5 are detachably and rotatably mounted. Each spike unit 5 has a central boss portion 21 composed of spaced apart webs 22 which taper inwardly to an apex 23. Surrounding the central portion 21 there are four arcuate blades 24
20 with knife-like sharp edges 25 and a sharp tip 26. Each unit 5 has a hollow base collar 35 which fits onto one of the spigots 20. Conveniently the collar 35 may have an internal rib which snap-fits into a groove in the spigot 20 so as to retain the units 5 on the spigot 20 yet allow for rotation thereabout. Also extending radially in a diametrically opposed relationship from the central body portion are two pairs of

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serrated webs 7 having sharp edges 11 and points 13, these webs extend along axes displaced 45° from the spigot axes (for clarity, only two webs are illustrated in Figure 1).

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Figure 4 shows the second embodiment of the device. Like the first embodiment this embodiment comprises a central body portion 1 with bore 9 and diametrically opposed spike units 5 (of which only one is shown). Spigots 20 detachably and rotatably mount the spike units 5 to the central body 1. Four axially aligned rows of sharp-edged teeth 15 are positioned along the central body.

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Figures 5 and 6 show the third embodiment. The central body portion 1 is formed from two identical halves 17, 19. When assembled (Figure 5) the two halves 17, 19 form two radially extending and diametrically opposed sheath units 27. These sheath units 27 each comprise a radial dagger-like serrated blade 29, two diametrically-
15 opposed axially aligned dagger-like serrated blades 31 and two externally serrated tangential sheaths 33. The sheaths 33 each hold a serrated two-bladed propeller 37 rotatably mounted analogous to the spike units 5 of the previous embodiments. The sheaths 33 allow the propellers 37 to partially rotate backwards and forwards as indicated by the arrows 39.

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Figures 7 and 8 illustrate the fourth embodiment. In Figure 7 three central body portions 1 are rotatably mounted on a bar 40. Two spike units 5 are mounted on each central body portion 1 although only one is fully illustrated. The lower spike unit stem 41 represents the second spike unit in each case. As can be seen the two spike

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units are diametrically opposed. In another embodiment based on this fourth embodiment four diametrically opposed spike units per central body portion are present analogous to the first and second embodiments described above. As can be seen from Figure 8 in this fourth embodiment each spike unit 5 comprises a stem portion 43 and a cap portion 45. The stem portion 43 is attached to the central body and extends radially outwards to a moulded retention cup 47 which surrounds a radial pole 49 on which a moulded sphere 51 is mounted. Three serrated protrusions 53 extend radially from the retention cup 47. The cap portion 45 is covered in radially extending serrated protrusions 55 and sits on the moulded sphere 51 to pivot and rotate as a ball joint as illustrated by the arrows 57. A moulded spring is disposed on the pole 49 to centre the cap portion 45 generally as well as after tampering.

Although the present invention has been described with reference to several embodiments, it is apparent that the present invention is not limited to the aforesaid embodiments, but various modifications can be attained without departing from its scope.

CLAIMS

1. An anti-scaling device comprising a hollow central body portion (1) for
5 mounting on a bar around a transverse axis (3) and several spike units (5) extending
outwardly from the body portion (1) in different directions wherein the spike units (5)
are rotatably mounted on the central body portion (1) around axes non-congruent with
the transverse axis (3).
- 10 2. An anti-scaling device according to claim 1, wherein the spike units (5) are
detachably mounted on the central body portion (1).
3. An anti-scaling device according to claims 1 or 2, wherein there are pairs of
spike units (5) disposed in a diametrically opposed relationship relative to the central
15 body portion (1).
4. An anti-scaling device according to any one or more of claims 1, 2 or 3,
wherein the central body portion (1) has spigots (20) for mounting the spike units (5).
- 20 5. An anti-scaling device according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 and further
comprising serrated webs (7) extending outwardly from the central body portion (1)
between the spike units (5).

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6. An anti-scaling device according to claim 5, wherein the serrated webs (7) extend along radial axes displaced 45° from the radial axes of the spike units (5).

7. An anti-scaling device according to any one or more of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein rows of sharp-edged teeth (15) are axially aligned along the central body portion (1).

8. An anti-scaling device according to any one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein the spike units (5) are in the form of partially rotatable serrated propellers (37).

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9. An anti-scaling device according to any one or more of claims 1 to 4, wherein the spike units (5) are pivotably mounted.

10. An anti-scaling device according to any one or more of the preceding claims,

15 wherein the device is moulded from a plastics material.

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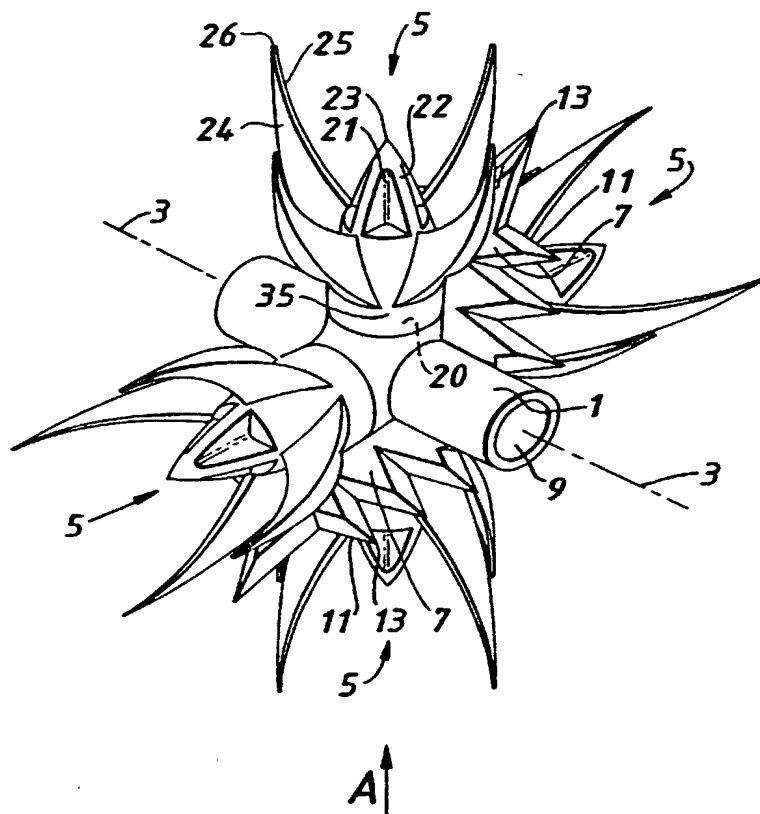
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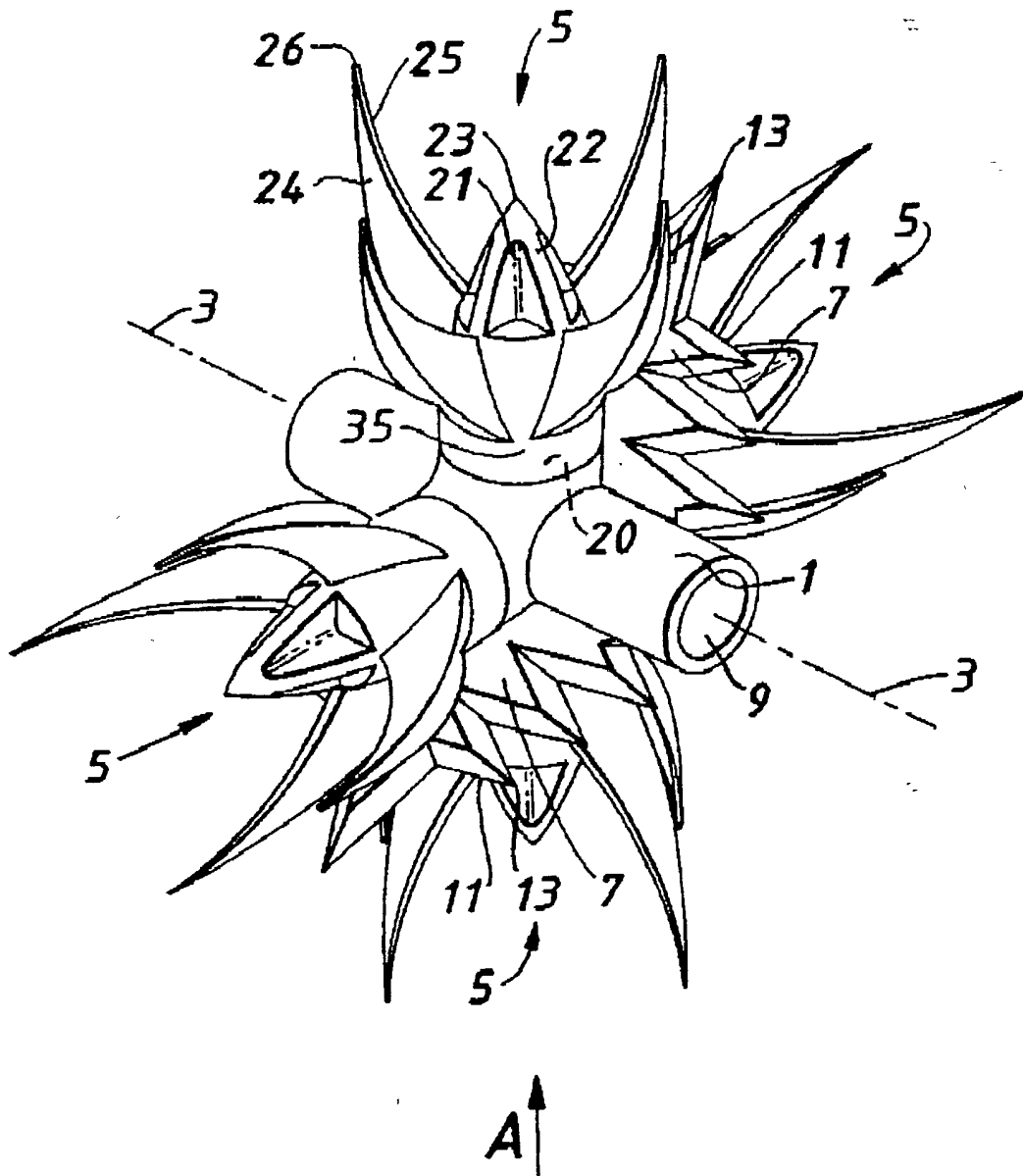


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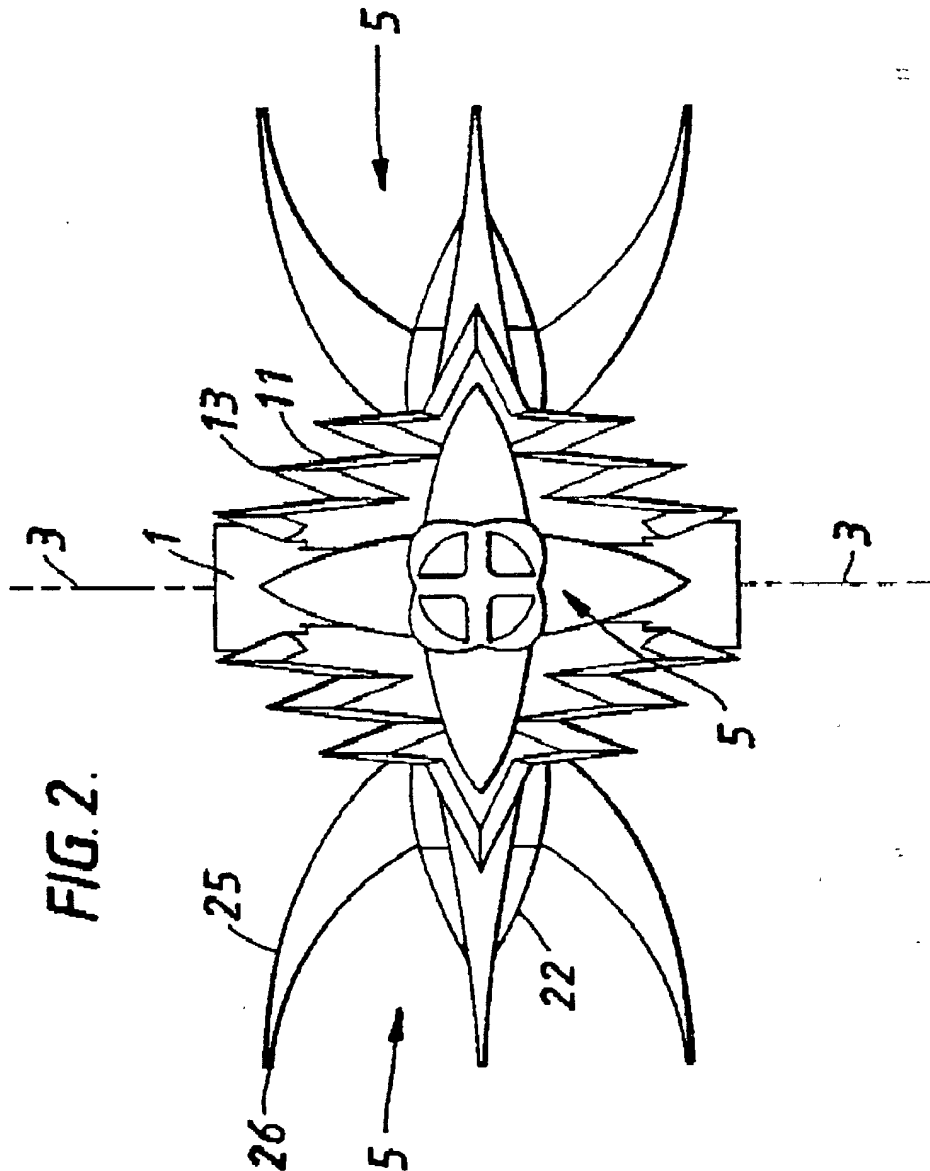
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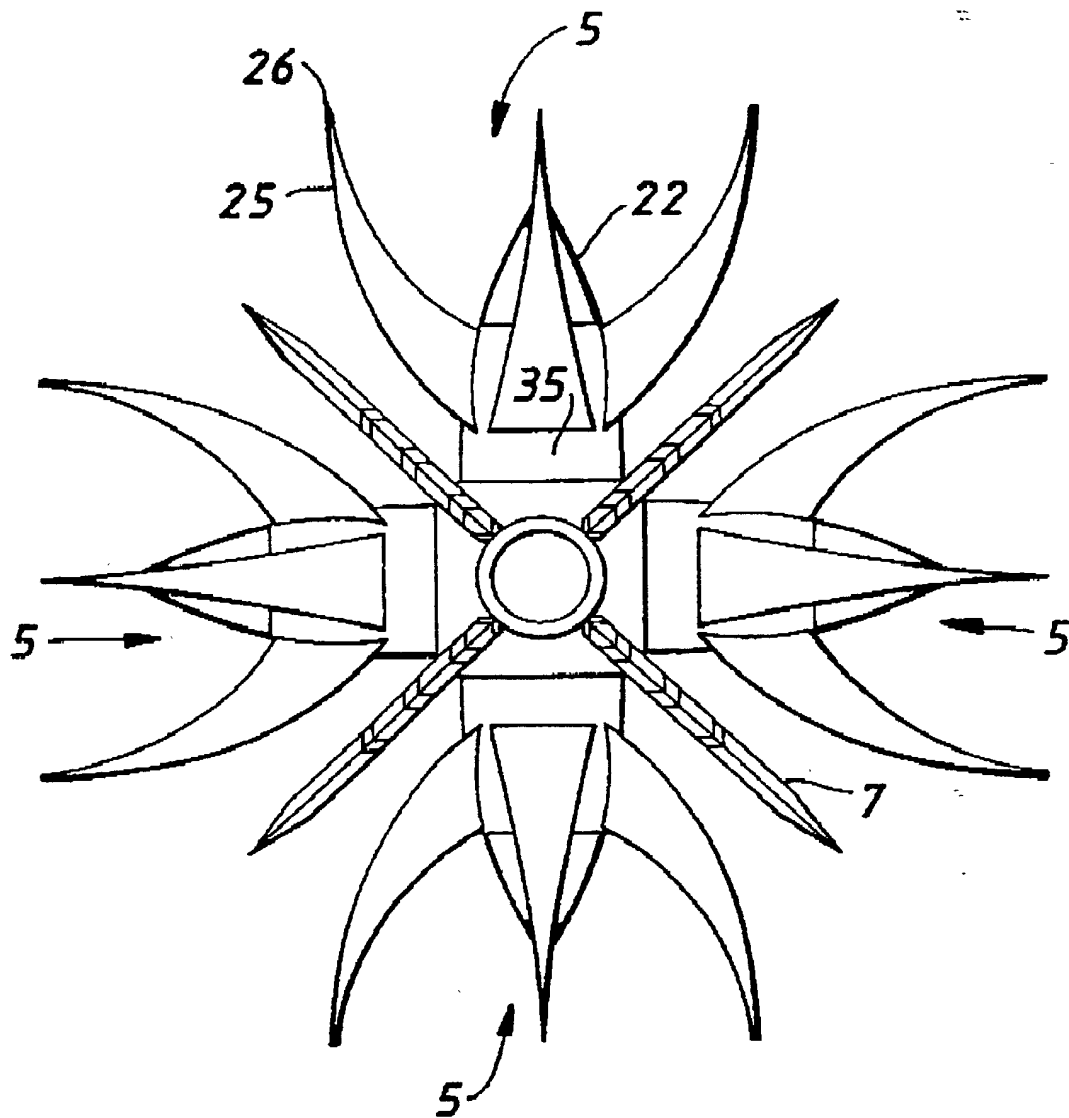


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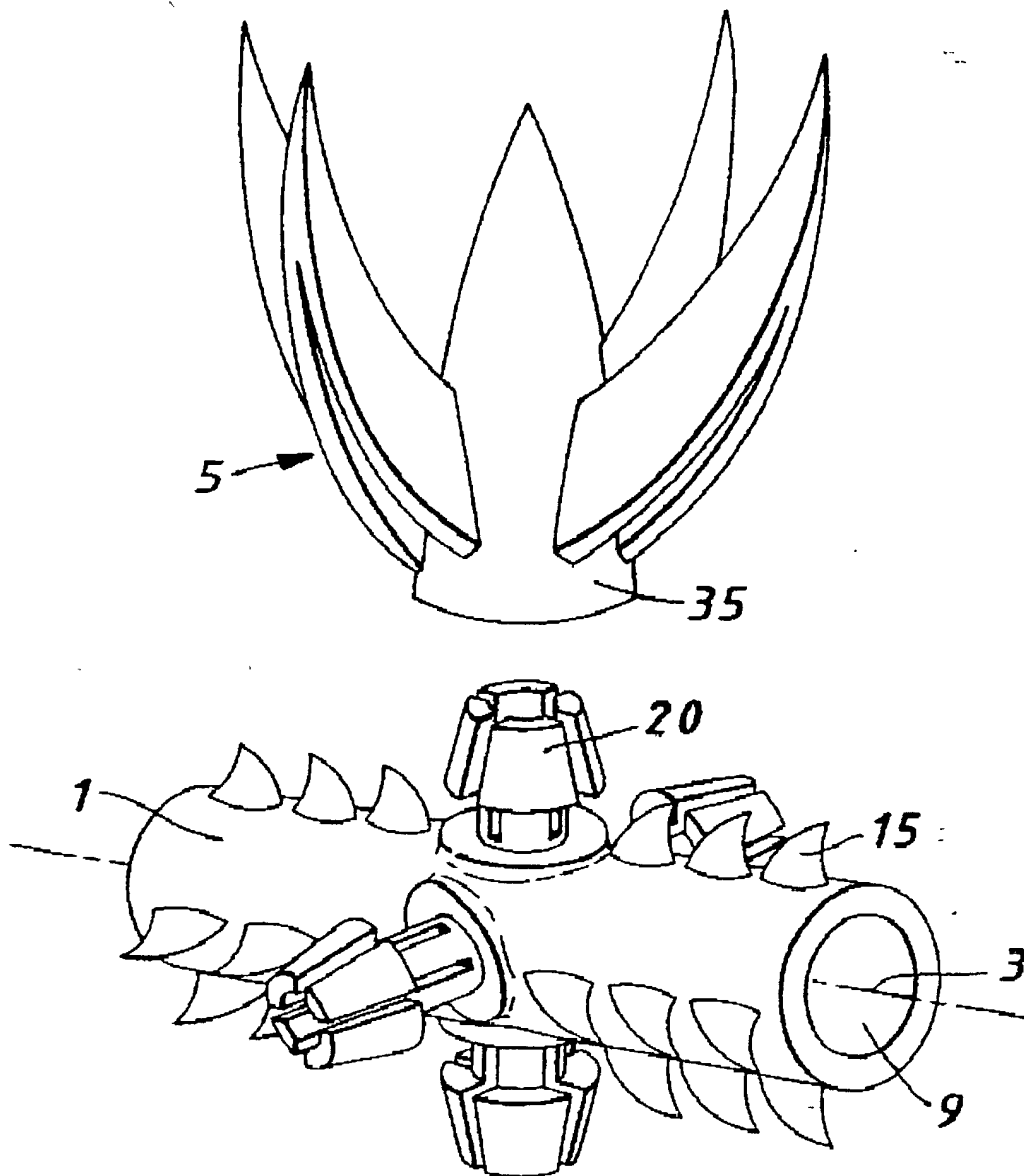
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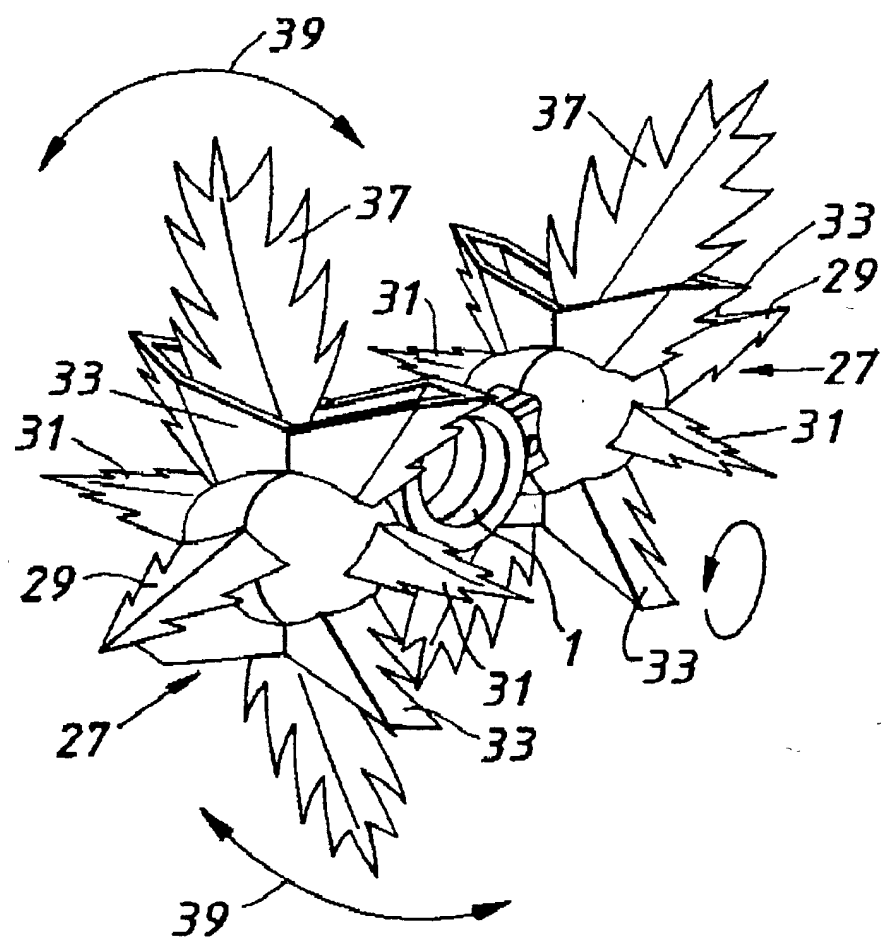
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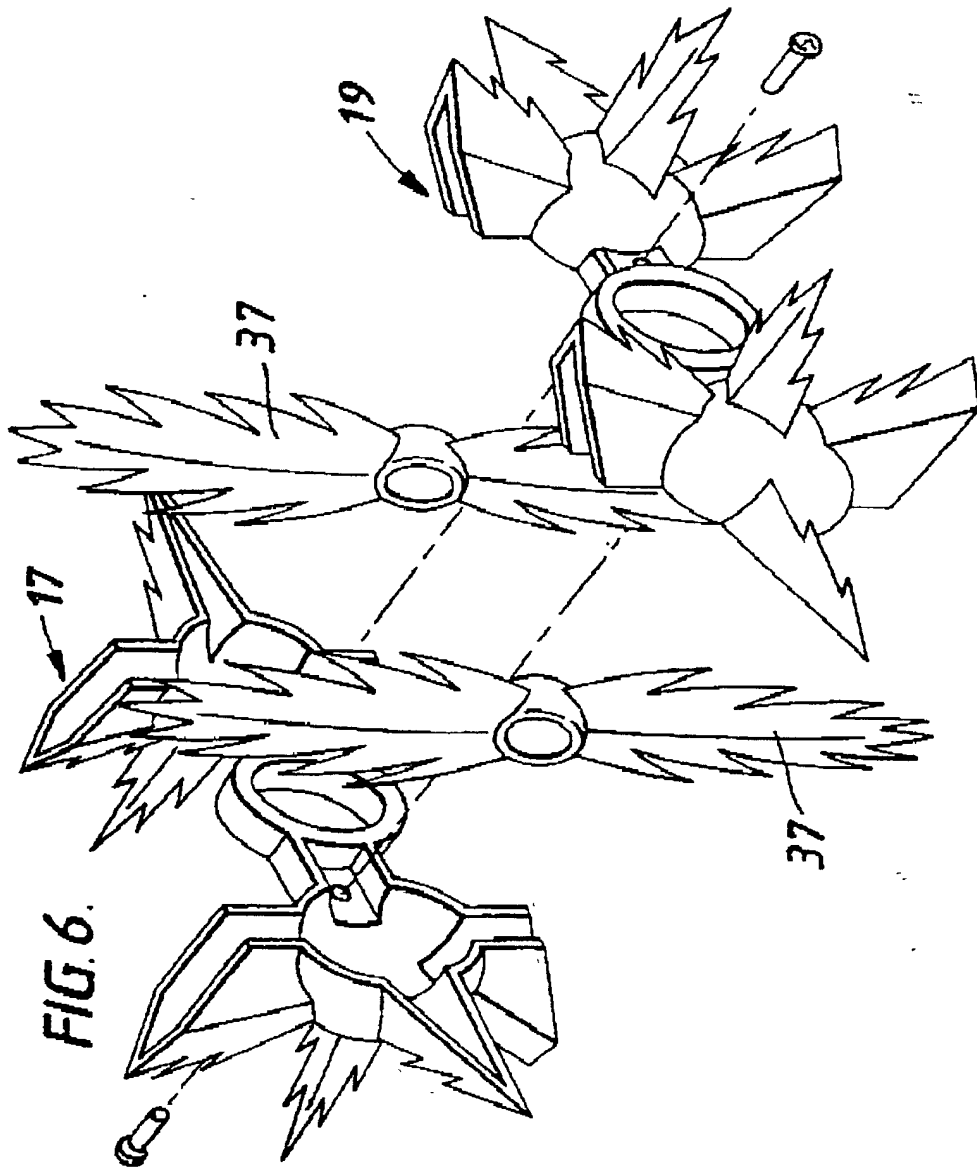


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FIG. 5.



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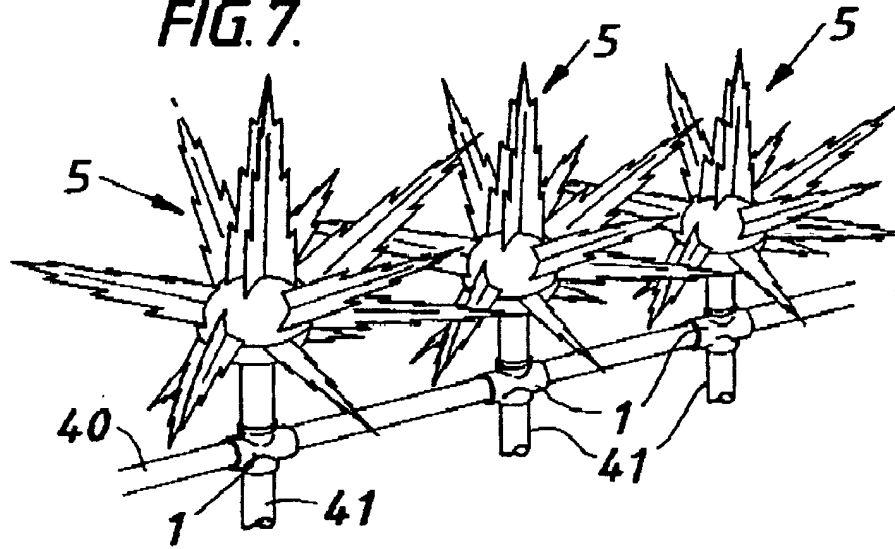
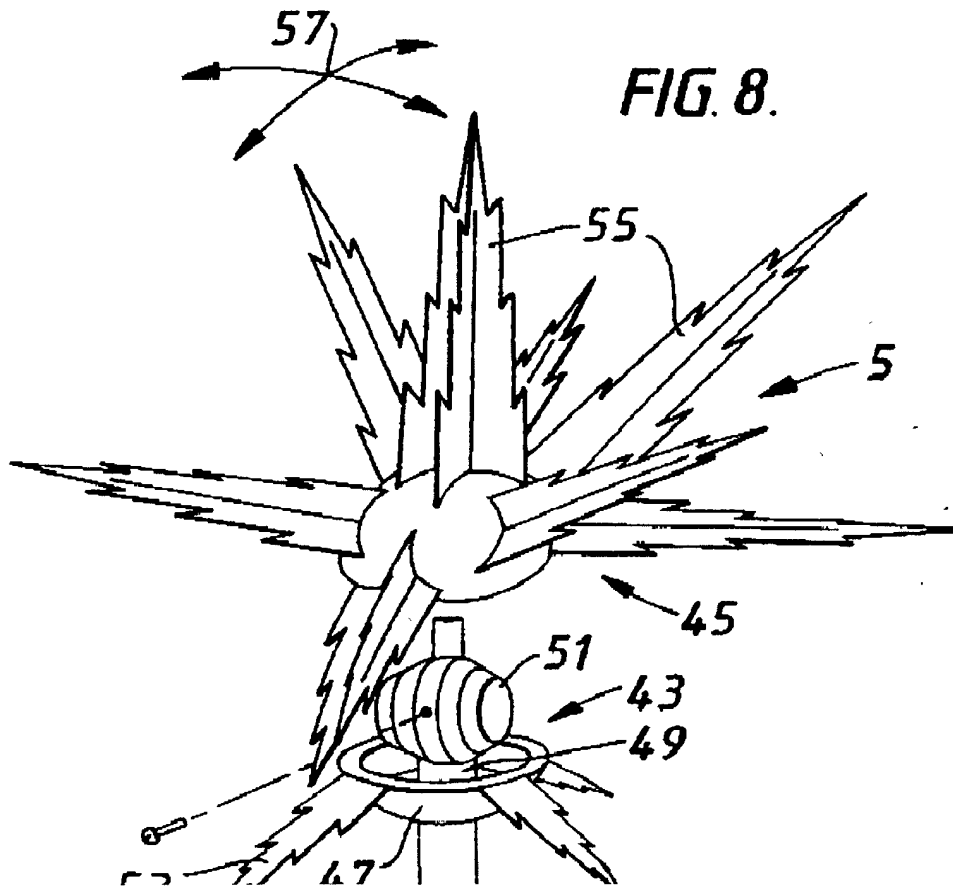


FIG. 8.





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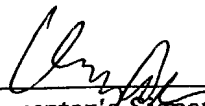
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